

Chesterfield County

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Absolute Ratings of Similar Districts

Unsatisfactory	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent
0	0	14	2	0

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

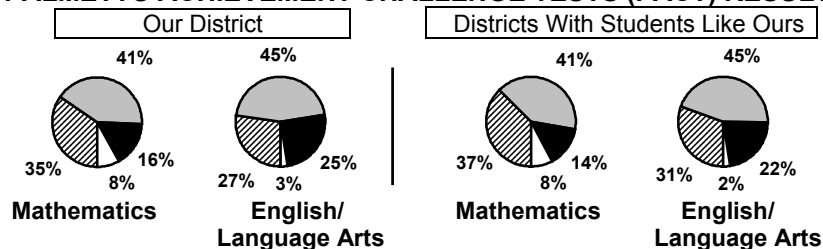
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



Advanced
 Proficient
 Basic
 Below Basic

DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2002		Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships*		Students Scoring Basic or Above on The PACT		
	N	%	N	%	N	% ELA	% Math
All students	410	93.7%	405	14.3%	3,596	72.7%	65.2%
Students with disabilities other than speech	13	76.9%	44	2.3%	527	54.1%	41.7%
Students without disabilities	397	93.5%	361	15.8%	3,062	76.1%	69.4%
Gender							
Male	194	92.3%	198	17.2%	1,770	67.6%	63.4%
Female	216	93.5%	207	11.6%	1,826	77.7%	66.9%
Ethnic Group							
African American	157	87.9%	172	2.3%	1,570	61.4%	51.0%
Hispanic	3	I/S	4	I/S	46	50.0%	60.9%
White	247	96.4%	227	23.3%	1,962	82.1%	76.6%
Other	2	I/S	2	I/S	18	94.4%	77.8%
Lunch Status							
Free/reduced-price lunch	155	87.1%	162	1.2%	2,217	64.4%	56.3%
Pay for lunch	255	96.5%	243	23.0%	1,359	86.8%	80.0%

N equals number of students on which percentages are calculated.

*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

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TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	2000	2001	2002
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	55.8%	59.5%	67.4%
Passed 2 subtests	21.7%	17.6%	16.7%
Passed 1 subtest	12.4%	13.7%	10.6%
Passed no subtest	10.1%	9.2%	5.3%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	62.4%	64.1%	64.4%
Passed 2 subtests	19.6%	18.6%	17.8%
Passed 1 subtest	11.2%	10.4%	11.3%
Passed no subtest	6.8%	6.9%	6.5%

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions*

	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	14.3	53.3
Districts Like Ours	17.0	46.7
		14.3
		17.3

*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
District	465	470	468	486	933	956	18.1	17.0	19.0	18.5	19.1	17.7	18.6	18.3	18.8	18.0
State	486	488	488	493	974	981	18.8	18.8	19.3	19.1	19.5	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.2
Nation	506	504	514	516	1020	1020	20.5	20.2	20.7	20.6	21.3	21.1	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.8

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA

N/A – Not Applicable

N/C – Not Collected

N/R – Not Reported

I/S – Insufficient Sample

DISTRICT PROFILE

INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
• Dollars per student	\$6,622	Up 5.9%	\$7,162	\$7,072
• Prime instructional time	88.4%	Down from 89.5%	89.2%	89.9%
• Student-teacher ratio	19.4 to 1	Down from 19.7 to 1	17.6 to 1	18.6 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.3%	Up from 1.1%	0.7%	0.4%
STUDENTS (n=8,359)				
• Advanced placement/ Int'l baccalaureate program:				
Participation Rate	6.0%	N/A	8.9%	9.3%
Exam Success Rate	64.4%	N/A	58.1%	52.7%
• Attendance Rate	94.5%	Down from 95.1%	95.7%	96.0%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	11.9%	Up from 7.1%	8.6%	7.1%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	9.3%	Up from 5.7%	6.8%	5.6%
• Retention rate	4.8%	Down from 5.2%	6.2%	5.6%
TEACHERS (n=542)				
• Professional development days per teacher	5.0 Days	Down from 8.0Days	5.0 Days	5.0 Days
• Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.9%	94.9%	95.0%
• Advanced Degrees	50.9%	Up from 49.5%	45.1%	46.6%
• Continuing contracts	86.2%	Down from 86.8%	81.9%	83.1%
• Out-of-field permits	3.0%	Down from 3.8%	2.6%	2.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	90.6%	Up from 90.4%	88.1%	88.6%
• Average salary	\$39,155	Up 6.6%	\$38,542	\$39,023

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
• Annual dropout rate	4.8%	Down from 5.3%	3.7%	3.1%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	54.7%	Up from 51.6%	53.9%	53.7%
• Superintendent's years in the district	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
• Parent conferences	92.3%	Up from 82.1%	92.1%	93.9%
• Opportunities in the arts	Fair	No change	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	15	No change	10	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	No change	0	0
• Portable classrooms	20.6%	Up from 11.1%	8.5%	6.6%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	94.6%	Down from 97.0%	95.1%	96.8%
• Average administrative salary	\$66,570	Up 5.5%	\$65,273	\$66,570
STUDENTS				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	149	N/A	110	129
• Number of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	40	N/A	43	37
• Suspensions and expulsions	1.1%	N/A	1.6%	1.5%
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	9.0%	Up from 8.1%	10.6%	10.6%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	13.5%	Up from 11.9%	11.2%	10.7%

Chesterfield County School District
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Grades K-12

Enrollment: 8,359 Students

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Board Chair Mr Jerry Holley 843-335-8420

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**Annual District
Report Card**

2002

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Chesterfield County School District teachers, administrators and students continue to exhibit "Excellence in Academics, Arts and Athletics" as curricular improvements are made, hard work and dedication are stressed, and test scores continue to rise.

SAT scores rose another four points making a total increase of 59 points since 1998. PACT scores increased from 2.2 to 12.2 percentage points at every grade level. Chesterfield County was one of the top nine scoring school districts in the state on CSAB results with 92.1 percent "ready" for first grade. Cheraw High's AP Calculus class boasted a 100 percent passing rate for the third year in a row. Fourteen more teachers became National Board Certified for a total of 25 teachers in the district.

A Spanish for Elementary Students course was begun for grades 1-5 which is taught via closed circuit television. First grade teachers were trained, and Literacy Group instruction was initiated with very positive end-of-year results. "Write . . . from the Beginning" was implemented in grades K-2 to improve writing skills.

Over \$1.1 million in grants was awarded the school district including a grant to develop a strategic plan for the arts, a grant to provide eight K-5 schools with after-school programs, a grant to provide artists-in-residence for 12 schools, a grant to provide resource officers for three schools, and a grant to expand Literacy Group training to the second grade. The district also received the first installment of a three-year, \$3 million 21st Century safe and drug-free schools grant.

The district's \$78 million building program saw ground broken for its first project at McBee Elementary School in the summer of 2001 followed by groundbreaking at Cheraw Primary. Since then, construction has begun on three new middle schools and renovations and additions at all four high schools.

Chesterfield County, along with all school districts in the state, experienced significant state budget cuts in 2001-2002 which were not restored in the 2002-2003 budget. Although revenues are down, progress continues to be made in our classrooms and in our test results. Our teachers and students are working harder than ever, and the benefits are evident. Their dedication and pride in achievement continue to make Chesterfield County one of the top school districts in the state. Of course, this would not be possible without the support of parents, the business community and others who also want our schools to be the best they can be. Thank you for contributing to another successful year!

Superintendent Dr. H. Kenneth Dinkins

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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